

OPINION 2375 (Case 3639)***Krynickillus maculatus* Kaleniczenko, 1851 (currently *Limax maculatus*; Gastropoda, Stylommatophora, LIMACIDAE): specific name conserved**

Abstract. Under the plenary power the Commission has conserved the specific name of the terrestrial slug *Krynickillus maculatus* Kaleniczenko, 1851 (currently *Limax maculatus* or *Limacus maculatus*, LIMACIDAE) by suppression of its little-used senior homonyms *Limax maculatus* Nunneley, 1837 and *Limax cinereus* var. *maculatus* Picard, 1840.

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary power, the following names are suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy:
 - (a) *maculatus* Nunneley, 1837, as published in the binomen *Limax maculatus*;
 - (b) *maculatus* Picard, 1840, as published in the combination *Limax cinereus* var. *maculatus*;
- (2) The name *maculatus* Kaleniczenko, 1851, as published in the binomen *Krynickillus maculatus* is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *maculatus* Nunneley, 1837, as published in the binomen *Limax maculatus* and as suppressed in (1)(a) above;
 - (b) *maculatus* Picard, 1840, as published in the combination *Limax cinereus* var. *maculatus* and as suppressed in (1)(b) above.

History of Case 3639

An application to conserve the specific name of the terrestrial slug *Krynickillus maculatus* Kaleniczenko, 1851 was received from Igor Balashov (*Schmalhausen Institute of Zoology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kiev, Ukraine*) on 11 September 2013. After correspondence the Case was published in BZN 70: 218–220 (December 2013). The title, abstract and keywords of the Case were published on the Commission's website. A comment on this Case was published in BZN 71: 26 (March 2014). The Case was sent for vote on 1 June 2015. A greater than two-thirds majority of Commissioners voted FOR the Case (19 For, 1 Against).

Decision of the Commission

At the close of the voting period on 1 September 2015 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 19: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol, Winston, Yanega, and Zhou.

Negative votes – 1: Pape.

Fautin, Ng, Patterson, Pyle and Zhang were on leave of absence.

Voting FOR, Grygier said that instability in the specific name is due to instability in the generic classification, and the proposals would fix the specific name so it does not depend on the classification. Also voting FOR, Kullander said that the homonymy had been already resolved under the Code by Wiktor, 2001 and consequently, the matter should not be further complicated by an adverse Commission ruling.

Original references

The following are the original references to the entries on either an Official List or an Index in the ruling given in the present Opinion:

maculatus, *Krynockillus*, Kaleniczenko, 1851, *Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou*, **24**(1): 226.

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